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BRYANT TRIES TO SAVE CAMPBELL'S CAMDEN PROJECT

TRENTON—Assembly Majority Leader Wayne R. Bryant met with members of the state Attorney General's office as part of his ongoing efforts to have the Campbell Soup Co. fulfill its commitment to build its world headquarters building in Camden.

"I asked the Attorney General's representatives to explore what legal rights we have as a state to make sure that Campbell's lives up to its commitment," Bryant said.

According to Bryant, Campbell asked the state to provide a major attraction in Camden when the company was considering building its world headquarters in the city. The state has invested \$43 million in the aquarium and another \$7.9 million in other waterfront development projects in anticipation of the construction of Campbell's world headquarters, he said.

"We feel like a bride who has been left at the altar," Bryant said. "We had an agreement and we lived up to our part of the bargain. But Campbell's is standing us up."

James offers Newark as development alternative to Meadowlands

Pledging that the City of Newark is "ready for development," Mayor Sharpe James has urged that developers consider Newark as an alternative to building in, and thereby destroying, the Hackensack Meadowlands.

"The Hackensack Meadowlands are a natural treasure of international importance," said James. "They provide wildlife habitat, open space and undeveloped beauty, tucked right in the middle of one of the most densely developed areas of the United States."

"By all rights, the Hackensack Meadowlands should be a National Wildlife Refuge. But instead, the Meadowlands are threatened by sprawling development," James added.

Mayor James feels that building in Newark is an alternative to the destruction of the open spaces and salt marshes of the Hackensack Meadowlands.

According to James: "Newark has space and infrastructure. Newark can meet the developer's demands that will otherwise destroy wetlands. Developers will construct unnecessary roads and bridges, and will carve up the remaining salt marshes and open space of the Hackensack Meadowlands."

James contends that the suburban sprawl of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s has been a disaster for Northeastern New Jersey, and especially for the region's cities. In Newark alone, he said, some 100,000 people have moved to the suburbs in the last 20 years.

NHA plans to select law firm in land dispute

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) is planning to secure the services of a private law firm to resolve an issue that centers on whether Industrial Urban Land Renewal, Inc. (ILUR) should receive a 44.92-acre parcel of land owned by the NHA.

The dispute spans nearly four years, two separate NHA Board of Commissioners and two NHA administrations. At issue is whether a proposed agreement by NHA former employees is valid and should be observed.

The dispute involves a 44.92-acre parcel of land owned by the (Continued on page 6)

100 Black Men sponsor scholarships

Ten graduating high school seniors from throughout the state will receive Mamie Truesdale Scholarships sponsored by 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc.

The students will be honored at the national Convention Breakfast of 100 Black Men of America beginning at 8 a.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Newark on Friday June 29.

"We feel that it is incumbent upon us to recognize and support our young black youth who demonstrate exceptional academic potential," said William R. Giles, president of 100 Black Men of New Jersey, which is hosting the 1990 national convention. "We believe not only will these young men realize their aspirations, but they will also leave an indelible mark on the community."

Since 1974, the Mamie Truesdale Scholarship Fund has

provided in excess of \$100,000 to deserving black and other minority students. The fund was named after Mamie Truesdale, who in 1984 on her 100th birthday said: "If I had to live my life over again, my main goal would be to get a formal education."

In addition to receiving scholarships, recipients will also be treated to words of wisdom from Dennis Rahim Watson who has been publicized as a "cross between Jesse Jackson and Bill Cosby."

An outstanding educator, lecturer, entertainer and author, Watson will be the keynote speaker at the convention breakfast when the seniors receive their awards. As executive director of the national Black Youth Leadership Council in New York, he has lectured at more than 200 colleges and Universities nationwide.

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Council race close Newark incumbents return

Hanging on to the narrow margin of 86 votes over strong challenger, Luis Quintana, Marie Villani retained her seat on the Newark City Council along with her fellow at-large incumbents: Donald Tucker, Ralph Grant and Gary Harris.

NEWARK COUNCIL AT-LARGE ELECTION RESULTS

(1) Donald Tucker	13,931
(1) Ralph Grant	13,018
(1) Gary Harris	11,900
(1) Marie Villani	11,178
Luis Quintana	11,092
Mildred Crump	10,663
Carole Graves	8,010
Victor DeLuca	6,333

WALDRON NAMED CHIEF

A 31-year veteran of the Plainfield Police Division was named chief by Mayor Harold Mitchell. Capt. John Waldron followed in his father's footsteps to become an officer as are two of his sons, one of which serves on the Plainfield Police Force.

A resident of Plainfield, Waldron said that he would work to promote trust and confidence in the police division through improved relations with the community.

Sullivan to visit Children's Hospital

WASHINGTON — Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg (D-N.J.) has announced that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan, will visit Children's Hospital in Newark on June 30 to observe its pediatric AIDS program.

The Newark metropolitan area could receive at least \$7.2 million in emergency AIDS funding from the federal government under legislation working its way

City Goes Western

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Carlos A. Foster, cowboy and rodeo producer, shows his riding skills. Foster's Urban Western Riding Program is located in Harlem.

Photo by Ray Bailey

Drive to aid homeless shelters

Efiong Onuotiel, a native of Nigeria who is a City of Newark employee, formally launched a newly-formed charitable organization to aid homeless shelters and disadvantaged youth. According to Onuotiel, the organization has begun an aggressive

drive for food, clothing and furniture to aid homeless people at Lighthouse Community Service in Newark and Isaiah House in East Orange.

Present at the launching were: James Felton, Sr. Vice President of Ebon International and Luis

Quintana, Deputy Mayor of the City of Newark. Also in attendance were several guest speakers which included Mark Parrott, the son of the founder of Lighthouse Community Service and Gloria Parson, a volunteer at same agency. Dians Paterson, Co-

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Mayor Cardell Cooper and NJ State Commissioner of Health Frances Dunston on her recent visit to East Orange.

CITY PEOPLE



Bobby Short (left) and D. John F. Noonan, President of Bloomfield College, at the college's 177th annual commencement, where Short was awarded an honorary Doctor of Arts degree for his outstanding contributions to the preservation of American music.



March of Dimes Dream Season Sweepstakes winner Joe Binini, examines his Team Spirit Gift package with March of Dimes Youth Ambassador Scott Proi. Binini, a sales agent for Allstate Insurance Company in Bridgewater has won 36 skybox tickets to nine area sporting events. Cheryl Hills of Allstate, congratulates the winner who generously gave his Yankee skybox tickets to Scott Proi.



Following the United Way of Plainfield, North Plainfield & Fanwood's annual Meeting, retiring President Francaen Cohen, congratulates Hank Kila, who succeeds her for 1990-92.



Choice N.J., a coalition representing 39 statewide pro-choice organizations recently presented Governor James Florio petitions signed by 38,000 New Jerseyans who affirmed their belief that abortion should be kept safe and legal. Lynne Monson (1.), Communications Director for Planned Parenthood Essex County spoke with the Governor explaining that 5,000 of the signees live in Essex County!



The award is funds specifically targeted to reward SDA's that exceed mandated performance standards and compliance issues. Left to right, Private Industry Council (PIC) members present are Dr. Leonard Kreisman, PIC Chairman Frank Lehr, Union County Manager Ann Baran, Acting Human Service Director Frank Guzzo and Jean Koszulinski, UC Dept. of Human Services, Division of PIC/Employment & Training.



UCCAO Board president Charles Kelchner (left) presents NCADD's Bronze Key Award to Donna Ziede, WCBS-TV New Jersey news manager, in recognition of the station's outstanding contribution to the field of alcoholism and drug addiction as newscaster Jim Jensen (right) looks on at the Council's annual Legislative Brunch in May.



Union County Freeholder Walter McLeod, left, presented a certificate to Daniel Bragg of Plainfield in recognition of his 35 years of service to the county as a chauffeur at Rumlins Hospital in Berkeley Heights. Besides his many years as a Union County employee, Danny has been involved with the welfare of his fellow employees, most notable as President, Union Council #8, N.J. Civil Service Association.

NHA TO HONOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will honor six college-bound high school seniors from public housing.

The students who will be honored for being selected as the 1990 NHA Scholarship recipients are Nasr Ismail of Hayes Homes, Robin Moses of Stella Wright Homes, Ardwin Way of Pennington Court, Rosa Jimenez of Baxter Terrace, Erica Yarbrough of Seth Boyden Court and Ibn Samad Onque of Baxter Terrace.

Mr. Ismail plans to attend Hampton University. Ms. Moses and Ms. Jimenez will attend Rutgers University. Mr. Way will attend Mount Ida. Ms. Yarbrough will attend Montclair State and Mr. Onque plans to attend Bloomfield College.

Each of the students will receive \$2,000 scholarships to be used for expenses and tuition.

IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW

YES NO

Is it important to know the positive accomplishments of African American men & women, boys & girls, religious, educational, social, civic and political leaders?

YES NO

Is it important for you to know the stores & companies that want African American business & want to hire African Americans?

YES NO

Is it important for you to know what is happening in your churches, schools, civic & social organizations, and city government and its agencies?

YES NO

Is it important that your voice be heard in the community?

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 14
UNION—Avoiding potentially crippling environmental liabilities and complying with environmental regulations will be the subject of the half-day conference at Kean College from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For further information call 201-527-1166.

Sunday, June 17
WESTFIELD—Father's Day Flea Market from 9-4 at the Westfield Railroad Station, South Avenue. Westfield sponsored by the Westfield Neighborhood Council.

June 25-August 29
EDISON—A variety of specially-designed educational, recreational and social skills group programs for children and teenagers with developmental delays and special needs are being offered this summer through the Johnson Rehabilitation Institute of JFK Medical Center. To arrange an appointment or for more information call 201-548-7610.

June 27-July 1

NEWARK—DIAL, Inc. (Disabled, Information, Awareness and Living), is seeking volunteers for the Rose City Festival sponsored by Unico, a community service organization. Volunteers are needed all five days to man game of chance wheels, and a dime toss game. For information call Armistead Johnson, Executive Director at 201-824-4009.

July 2
WESTFIELD—A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives meets on the first Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Road. Call 233-8757.

July 10-20
TOMS RIVER—The Ocean County College Community Education Department will offer "Getting Ready for School (Ages 3-5) Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. Sounds, colors, literature and music will be some of the methods used to help young students prepare for school. For information call 201-255-0404.

Tuesday, July 17
TOMS RIVER—The Ocean County College Community Education Department will offer "Starting a Bed & Breakfast" from 7 to 9 p.m. Beverly Conover of Conover's Bay Head Inn will lead the seminar. For more information or to register call 255-0404.

Friday, July 20
TOMS RIVER—The Ocean County College Community Education Department will offer "The Vikings" (Ages 9-15) which will explore the mythology, ships, sailing skills and sacrifices of the Viking. Call 201-255-0404 for information.

August 8-22
WAYNE—Discover the art, architecture and drama of Greece during a two-week educational "Greek Journey," sponsored by William Paterson College. Trip includes four days of sightseeing at the classical sites of Greece and a three-day cruise to the islands of Mykonos and Rhodes. For cost and additional information call 201-595-2436.

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Assembly majority leader Bryant responds to landmark Supreme Court ruling

TRENTON — Assembly Majority Leader Wayne R. Bryant released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court decision on the Abbott v. Burke case:

"I view this as a decision for children, not suburban versus urban or suburban versus rural New Jersey. Although far-reaching, the concept behind the Supreme Court ruling is not new. The Legislature and the Governor, when responding to environmental problems such as toxic waste, water pollution and garbage, have consistently gone to great lengths and allocated vast sums of money

to protect our natural resources. The Supreme Court has now told us to deal with our most precious natural resource, our children in a similar way.

"I view this not as a decision between who has more. It is a decision which affirms all of our children's fundamental and constitutional right to a thorough and efficient education. The Supreme Court clearly recognizes that we must make a commitment to prepare all of our children for the future, because they represent New Jersey's future. They must have the educational tools to make New Jersey a model state

that can compete in the national and international marketplace well into the 21st century.

"We as a Legislature and state cannot stop at funding and assume that providing money is a panacea to reverse urban education's deficiencies. We must also make sure that what goes on behind the doors of education institutions and what goes on in curriculum planning prepares our children for the future. That is the challenge before us today.

"This was a courageous decision by the Supreme Court. I interpret its finding to be that our current education funding system has been based on greed than on the goal of attacking the areas where the real educational problems have manifested. The



court's ruling will eliminate greed as the primary factor in providing educational resources for children. The decision affirms that our children's education will not be dictated by where their home fits into the real estate scheme.

"It is my hope that other legislators will explain the ramifications of the ruling in their proper places. This is a decision about children, and about New Jersey's values toward its future generations. I look forward to working with Governor Florio and my colleagues in the Legislature in forging this new New Jersey, one which is focused on developing untapped resources of those children who may have been locked out or left out of the mainstream because of the lack of resources."

James offers Newark as development alternative

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The Mayor blames suburban sprawl for Northeastern New Jersey's increased dependence on the automobile, thereby causing some of the worst air quality problems in the United States. And this dependence on the automobile, James believes, has erected barriers to continued healthy economic growth.

Over the past 30 years, New Jersey land use policies and government priorities for funding transportation and utilities infrastructure have hurt New Jersey's citizens and have damaged the natural beauty of the state," James said.

"Highways lace much of Northeastern New Jersey, connecting a multitude of separate nodes of low-density residential, industrial and residential development," James continued. "Decentralized growth like this has proven extremely difficult to service with cost-effective rapid mass transit."

Mayor James asks that the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission (HMDC) join with the City of Newark to do "some serious long-term regional planning." James points out that Newark has existing infrastructure, abundant highway access, and rail links that include Amtrak, commuter lines and freight.

In addition, Newark has underutilized water lines, sewer

lines, electricity, and property in prime locations that are available for redevelopment for commercial, industrial and residential uses.

"My administration stands ready to work with developers," James said. "We want to create incentives to build in Newark and not in the salt marshes of the Meadowlands."

"We are prepared to address the developer's concerns and are eager to design incentives to overcome these concerns," James added. "We will talk about utility hook-ups and about modifying zoning restrictions. We will even talk about taxes."

To support his position, James points to the over \$1 billion in private investment that has occurred in Newark within the past three years, in addition to the \$2 billion investment since 1980. This investment activity has included 73 residential projects in various stages of development that will produce 3,500 units of housing, some 2,600 of which will be market-rate houses.

In addition, James cited Renaissance Towers, an 11-story highrise in the heart of the downtown area, and University Estates, single family homes recently constructed near the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in the Central Ward, as further success stories.

Newark police promote first minority female to sergeant

On June 1, the City of Newark promoted 27 police officers to the rank of sergeant, raising the number of sergeants in the Newark Police Department from 86 to 113.

Among those promoted was Sgt. Barbara George, who is the department's first minority female sergeant. She is a nine-year veteran of the force and is the sister of Acting Deputy Mayor Geraldine George Foushee.

Mayor Sharpe James congratulated the new sergeants and asked that they make themselves visible: "Visit Newark. Go to dinner in Newark. Be entertained in Newark. By being more visible in Newark, you will help reduce crime in Newark, whether you are on duty or off duty."

James explained that, when deciding to promote the 27 officers to sergeant, his administration had to balance the public's desire to see a police officer on every corner with the Police Department's need for more supervisory personnel.

"When we chose the officers to be promoted, we looked at

longevity and exemplary service," James said. "We wanted to be responsible and fair at the same time."

Newark Police Director Claude M. Coleman noted that although promotions reduce existing field personnel, adequate supervision is needed for efficient and effective policing.

"We want a supervisor to be available when the officer needs him or her, and we don't want the sergeant to have to come from the other side of town," Coleman said. "You have been promoted in recognition of your abilities as leaders. We need people who are born to lead."

In addition to Sgt. George, the other officers promoted were: Robert Smith, Joseph Foushee, Henry McNair, Michael C. Simeone, Milton Medina, John J. Janssen, Robert Blue, Chester Domarrack, James Turner, Robert Russo, Robert Schweitzer and James O'Hara.

Also promoted were: Albert Carmine, Harry Ramo, Ronald Gale, Raymond Golden, Kevin

Schneider, Michael Hughes, John Barney, Robert M. Embrey, Shelley Gooden, John Rotunda, Samuel J. Ciccone, Vincent Gagliano and John Mosca.

In congratulating the new sergeants, Councilwoman-at-Large Marie Villani said: "I am very pleased to see that one of you is a woman. I hope you all use your stripes wisely and with compassion."

Councilman-at-Large Donald Tucker said: "Sergeants play an important role in directing the police and women. Your involvement will help give Newark a very positive image."

Central Ward Councilman George Branch added: "Today you have moved across the mountain. You will provide our young people with excellent role models to follow."

City Clerk Robert Marasco swore in all the new sergeants. Capt. Michael J. Pucchio served as master of ceremonies for the program, and Newark Police Chaplain Rev. Harry T. Spellman gave the invocation and benediction.

NCNW to honor HS Grads and community leaders

This year the Plainfield-School Plains of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) will hold its Mary McLeod Bethune Birthday Luncheon Celebration on June 23, 2:00 at the Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, New Jersey at 12:00 noon.

This year the NCNW will honor three local high school seniors: Ms. Teshera Hall of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Ms. Mikiya Dewitt of Piscataway High School, and Ms. Shayoya Miles of Plainfield High School. Also being honored will be Dr. Joseph Ward of the Bright Hope DMD, Rev. Donald Nichols, Mrs. Cynthia Hoyle, Mrs. Lilly Lockley, Mr. George Gore, and Mr. Edward Keith for community services in their respective fields.

The theme for this year's luncheon will be "Choices and Challenges Toward the 21st Century." The speaker for this year's luncheon will be Mr. Joseph Ward of the Bright Hope Youth Center, Montclair.

Tickets are \$25. For information call (201) 757-9572 or 561-5470.

Quote

"Slavery made us poor, and its gloomy, malicious shadow tends to keep us so... it is a matter of serious concern to us to see our youth with just as decided diversity of talent as any other people, all herded together into but three or four occupations... we should strive to make known the justice of our claims to the same employments as other men, under the same conditions."

Fanny Jackson Coppin
1896

On the Money

Military Cutbacks To Hit Blacks Hard: More than 60,000 blacks in the military (20% of all those in uniform) could find themselves out of work as a result of the relatively modest cutbacks already planned by the armed services. And the Congressional Black Caucus has proposed much bigger cuts, including a 10% reduction in US forces in 1991. The Army budget has the highest concentration of blacks who will be hit the hardest. Some are charging members of the Black Caucus with a lack of appreciation of the risk of impact upon black Americans in the service. However, Rep. William Gray, II, likened that suggestion to one of women not being offered broader opportunities so that fewer of them could get into secretarial pools. Fact is, Gray says, the Black Caucus is advocating the monies be shifted to domestic programs such as job retraining, which could create new opportunities for blacks. As far as their own pocketbooks, just what do members of the Congressional Black Caucus make? Fact is, members of Congress are required annually to file reports listing assets, liabilities, gifts and outside income. This year, Craig Washington of Texas topped off as the highest paid member of the Congressional Black Caucus, reporting income of \$311,108 - \$394,400 last year. Rounding out the list of total income filed by the members of the Congressional Black Caucus is: Ronald Dellums, CA: \$108,638; J. Dennis Dixon, CA: \$96,701-\$108,500; Mervyn Dymally, CA: \$123,124-\$145,621; Augustus Hawkins, CA: \$144,880-\$154,780; Charles Hayes II: \$150,643; Donald Payne, NJ: \$86,237-\$89,833; Gus Savage, IL: \$90,500; Alan Wheat, CA: \$94,500-\$104,500; William Clay, MO: \$123,725-\$170,000; Mike Espy, GA: \$121,065 - \$125,261; William Gray, PA: \$354,900-\$357,298; Major Owens, NY: \$99,251-\$101,738; Charles Rangel, NY: \$185,919-\$250,615; Edolphus Towns, NY: \$111,856-\$117,850; Lewis Stokes, OH: \$121,307-\$133,304; John Conyers, MI: \$97,300-\$107,500; George Crockett, MI: \$122,408-\$136,405; John Lewis, GA: \$119,251-\$129,250; Kweisi Mfume, MD: \$108,100-\$118,100; Craig Washington, TX: \$311,108-\$394,400. These reps receiving extensions on filing their reports included Cardiss Collins (IL), Harold Ford (TN), Floyd Flake (NY), and Walter Fauntroy (DC). While Washington received the most income, House Majority Whip William Gray received the most in honorariums at \$156,098. Though beginning next January, a ban on honorariums takes effect. Congressmen, however, have already made up the lost wages by voting themselves a whopping pay increase of \$124,400, also effective in January.

SMA Gets A Boost: Systems Management American (SMA) is among six subcontractors slated to begin work with Rockwell this year in support of the Operations Support Contract awarded by NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The total contract, valued at \$814 million, will yield \$38 million over the next eight years (with an additional \$4.3 million for the two-year option) and is in support of the Space Station Freedom Program. SMA, which was rated the nation's eighth largest black-owned firm in 1989 slipped to number 20 in the most recent survey by Black Enterprise Magazine, with revenues down to \$38 million. Founder, CEO Herman Valentine said earlier this year that his Norfolk-based company had been in a state of transition, but the outlook is now better than ever, due in part to contracts like this one, as well as the introduction and marketing of a computer system, developed and manufactured by SMA for both commercial and government applications.

In Short: The results of a recent report concluded that the majority of U.S. women are just "a man away from poverty," as 57.4% of displaced homemakers/47.6% of all single mothers live in poverty or near-poverty levels.

Platt nominated to prestigious teaching board



Plainfield resident John Platt has been nominated to become a member of The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. An English teacher at The Pingry School in Bernards Township, Platt is the only teacher from a New Jersey independent school to be nominated for election to the Board.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was formed in 1987 to establish high and rigorous standards for professional practice in teaching. The development of these standards and methods for assessing teachers' knowledge and skill is expected to take several years. The Board is highly regarded as the most influential organization working to improve the quality of education in America.

Platt, a teacher at Pingry for 10 years, received a B.A. from the University of Denver and a Masters in Literature from Drew University. He is the Director of Teacher's Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) New Teacher Institute and Instructional Skills Program. Platt also conducts workshops on Behavior Management and Cooperative Learning. At Pingry he serves as a guidance counselor and is the program director for Peer Leadership.

Sail with the NYN/MPC aboard 'The Spirit of New York'

NEW YORK, -- On Thursday, June 28th, The New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council will host its 14th annual 'Starlight Corporate Cruise & Business Exchange' aboard the luxury yacht, 'The Spirit of New York'. The ship will depart from New York City's Pier 9, at the foot of Wall Street, at 6:15 p.m. for a three-hour sight-seeing cruise along the Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey shores. Dining, dancing, and a Broadway Revue on board are all part of the \$50 per person ticket price which can be reserved through The NYNJ Minority Purchasing Council, 60 John Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201-1122, 858-9001, (718).

The 'Starlight Corporate Cruise' is business mixer for Purchasing Council corporate and minority business members and their guests. It's a networking opportunity in a fun atmosphere; and it's the ideal way to spend a lovely summer night out on the

water, delighting in the view, the breeze, the entertainment, and the food.

Each year The Purchasing Council's 'Starlight Corporate Cruise' has drawn a bigger and bigger crowd. Last year it was a sell-out, and the June 28, 1990 cruise-sponsored, in part by NYNEX and Time Warner Inc., promises to be another success. Reservations, however, must be made prior to the cruise date, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve on June 28th, contact the NYNJ Minority Purchasing Council for tickets. Call (718) 858-9001.

The NYNJ Minority Purchasing Council is the largest and most assertive regional purchasing council in the nation. Its objective is to integrate minority-owned businesses into America's economic mainstream. The Council aids the development of MBEs by hosting business exchanges like the 'Starlight Corporate Cruise', plus Opportunity Fairs, training seminars and workshops. It also acts as a "clearing house" for minority businesses, accrediting them and assisting them with avenues of introduction to its Fortune 500 corporate members.

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COMMENTARY

Editorial

Mayor Dinkins is not to blame...

Mayor Dinkins of New York City has come under a lot of fire in the past month from African-American leaders for his interactions with the Korean community in Brooklyn. Those who criticize him charge that he is selling out to people who could care less about the needs of those who comprise his primary constituency—the African-American community. The African-American boycotters of the Korean shops point to the lack of sense of protest and courage which they have been treated while spending hard earned dollars in these stores as the reason for their protest. Dinkins the candidate whose campaign and election was based on his attractiveness as a candidate for the people of New York City is under fire for what, we ask.

While it is understandable that any shopper would choose to not patronize a store that provides less than superior treatment of its customers, it would also seem that if there are enough people who are dissatisfied with a service that they would choose to look into an alternative solution to their problem, i.e., set up their own shop. In the sixties, African-Americans protested the institutionalized discrimination that prevented African-Americans from getting an education, using public facilities and generally integrating themselves with the "larger community." While African-Americans made collective gains on several levels—social, political and economic—African-Americans have tended to stray from supporting their own. Why not turn attention from boycotting the Koreans to searching out African-American establishments to patronize? While African-Americans and Koreans may have different cultures, everyone understands economics.

Before the days of integration, African-Americans patronized each other because no one else would provide services for them. The integrationist push of the 1960s should not have meant that this form of self-sufficiency was abandoned as many feared it would be. Stokely Carmichael and others strongly advocated self-empowerment amongst African-American peoples so that African-Americans need not be subject to the poor treatment that is being protested in Brooklyn today.

Turning back to Mayor Dinkins' handling of the situation, one cannot help but see that a candidate elected on a "Mayor-for-all-people platform" must necessarily be responsive to all of the electorate including those who did not support him. Once a candidate of the people takes his back on one group, it is then possible for him to turn his back on any group, eventually, it would come to a case of economics and rest assured that a constituency without economic resources (like the majority of African-American communities) would also be cast aside.

African-American mayors often come under fire for attempting to strengthen their supporting coalitions by engaging in dialogue with different constituencies because it seems that they are selling out the interests of the African-American community. While it is necessary for the community responsible for the election of any mayor to hold him accountable to its concerns, this same community cannot ignore the simple economic realities that exist—those who control the economics are a necessity to an municipal context and to candidates as personal supporters. If African-Americans can ever expect to have real control over their own communities and over the politicians that govern them, there has to be a push for economic empowerment that proceeds with the same vigor as that of the protests against the Korean merchants.

Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" illustrated that community interests are only of periphery concern to store owners who do not have a stake in the community themselves. Sal, the Italian pizza shop owner in the movie, maintained that it was his prerogative to acknowledge the accomplishments of Italian-American baseball players by hanging their photographs on the wall. The African-American youths in Lee's movie protested this violently because they felt that their economic patronage of the shop entitled them to some recognition of the things that were important to them. Likewise, the African-American community feels entitled to better treatment from the Korean merchants in Brooklyn. The only entitlement conferred through patronage is that of being able to patronize someone else.

Those who give economic support in return for nothing do so by their own choice. While it may be difficult to get to another store or find another source for a particular service, discontinued support is the only means through which consumers collectively can effect a change in the attitudes of store owners. Who needs to change their practices when the intention to make just as much money? The power of the dollar is heard most loudly in its absence; African-Americans must look to their own interests and support those who do. Rather than wait for others to change, African-Americans necessarily must do for themselves which gives others a reason to change. While protest is good to show the mistake in the ways of others, it cannot be an escape from correcting the mistakes found within.

It is a mistake to think that any amount of protest will get others to do what is the task of the African-American community to do them within—establishing a self-sufficient community with the means to do for itself. The Korean store owners are not to blame, Dinkins is not to blame...

As I See It...

Commentary by
Connie Woodruff

A lot of funny things happened on the way to the voting polls in Newark, Tuesday.

Not surprising were the number of flyers supporting an interesting cross-section of candidates.

As usual, Newark politics and a clear cut definition of who was supporting whom in the battle between eight candidates for the four at-large council seats, was confusing and in some instances not a little surprising.

Voters asked to mail boxes stuffed with election day reminders and "endorsed" names of candidates by political leaders in the city's five wards.

It was obvious candidates, four of whom were incumbents, had spent as much time trying to book up with each other as they had getting their messages out to the people.

Supporters of councilwoman Marie Villani went into the runoff election viewing their candidate as the campaign's super underdog because her erstwhile friends on the council: Gary Harris, Ralph Grant and Donald Tucker elected to bracket themselves, neglecting to include the council's lone woman who has a history of victories based on heavy support among black voters.

On election day "Tiers" distributed in the predominantly black wards pictured Harris, Grant and Tucker with Mildred Crump.

Earlier in the week before election day, North Warders were flooded with pictures of Mayor Sharpe James, Councilman Tony Carrino smiling happily with Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana and Councilwoman Villani. According to reports, a letterhead, Carrino's signature was allegedly mailed to a "select group" of voters urging support for Villani, period.

This allegedly angered Puerto Rican residents who supported Quintana and since they outnumber Italians in "bullet-voting" strength, gave Villani's camp followers cause for a very serious headache.

Reform Past Due



by
Sharon
Khadijah
Vincent

It took more than nine years, but the Education Law Center which filed suit on behalf of children who attended school in New Jersey's 29 poorest urban school districts was finally victorious. The New Jersey Supreme Court finally made a decision in the Abbott v. Burke case and ruled that New Jersey's school funding system is unconstitutional, as far as it relates to poorer urban districts. The court also ordered that a remedy be found which would raise the funding level of 25 of these poorest urban districts to a declared minimum aid unconstitutional.

For those who may be familiar with the history of the issue of school finance in New Jersey, I think it is safe to say that based on the past struggles to bring some equity to school finance reform, we are in for a turbulent period of lobbying by various special interest groups—legislators, etc., and that any final plan will be significantly different from what the intent of the court's ruling may suggest. School financing is providing a "thorough and efficient" education to all children seems to be forever caught in a misalignment between the real educational needs which exist in our schools and the existing resources. Many people say they want quality in the school, but with economic opportunities limited in many areas, there doesn't seem to be the collective

In the South Ward, among the favorite candidates, Villani and Carole Graves showed up on still another flyer on what was regarded as a "labors choice" day. Also widely circulated throughout the ward was a message in favor of Victor DeLuca, Crump and incumbent Donald Tucker, stressing the divided forces of Democratic ward chairman, Assemblyman Willie Brown and councilman Donald Bradley, a member of the Newark Teacher's Union headed by Carole Graves.

Central Ward Democratic chairman Saidi Nguvu's "licker" included Crump, Harris, Grant and Tucker and the alleged favorites of Central Ward councilman George Branch, included the incumbents and Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana.

Attention was focused on Quintana who made a strong bid to become the first Puerto Rican councilman. In the North and East Wards where he was clearly the favorite, voters and poll workers were out early, many standing in long lines prior to going to work for the day.

Another early riser and poll checker was West Ward councilman Ron Rice who was said to favor DeLuca, Crump, Quintana and Tucker.

Throughout the weeks leading up to the runoff election, local and state labor leaders pulled out all the stops for Carole Graves and an army of Newark teachers manned the polls on election day in the hope of making Graves the real dark horse of 1990.

The key to Tuesday's election was manpower at the polls, supported by an unlimited source of money to pay workers rather than depend on volunteers. However, among Hispanics, it was a matter of pride that Quintana had made the runoff, and a desperate desire to elect a Hispanic to office in a city that verges on a Puerto Rican majority.

By comparison the election of party leaders on Monday night, was a uneventful affair.

No surprises (as had been predicted by some) Republicans went along with the status quo. In the East Ward the county committee elected Carmine A. Grano for a 21st term as chairman. Vice chairs elected were Terry Donato and Tom Williams.

While there had been speculation that Lou Turco might face a serious challenge from forces in the East Ward Democratic county committee, he breezed into a 15th

term as chairman. Lenore Cate was elected chairman while Beauty Webster and Ben Amos were chosen vice chairmen. That quieted the furious dissidents.

In the Central Ward Saidi Nguvu and Judy Diggs were elected chair and vice chairwomen although I had been rumored that former vice chairman Virginia Jones would seek to unseat Nguvu.

It seems like Barringer High principal, Rose M. Serra has been the North Ward Republican chairman forever and she was re-elected to still another term along with Michael Carlson and Leonard Pugliese as vice chairman.

Assemblyman Willie Brown will continue to lead Democratic forces in the South Ward. The name of Lee Fisher was put in nomination but he declined in the "interest of unity in the ward" and it may be a long time before Fisher will have an opportunity to flex his political muscles in the area. Also re-elected as vice chairwomen were Queenie James and Delores Battle, a former District 2 Freeloader.

James' win Monday night gives her another clear shot for re-election as county Democratic vice chairlady, a post allegedly coveted by another Democratic office holder.

In the West Ward, Paul Riley and Jeanette Seabrooks were re-elected to continue their leadership among the Democrats.

All of the Democratic victories in Newark and elsewhere in the county make it a cinch for Essex County Democratic Chairman Ray Durkin to win re-election easy despite some restlessness among the party faithful.

Meantime in Atlantic City, Mayor Jim Ursy fought hard for his political life and it was an uphill battle all the way for the chief executive who campaigned heavily despite the incident hanging over his head.

Ursy chose to limit campaigning to the three predominantly black wards and spokespersons for the mayor pointed to the "futility" of "wasting campaign funds" in wards where Ursy was severely trounced in the May election that forced him into a runoff with City Councilman Jim Whelan.

A majority of observers saw the Atlantic City fray as one focused on race rather than issues. Ursy is the city's first black mayor and his supporters in the ward are the victims of a "frame" because

his brush with the law came as he was preparing to run for re-election.

In contrast, Douglas H. Palmer who made a strong bid to become Trenton's first black mayor, campaigned vigorously in the city's predominantly white wards where he got wide support in the May 8 election by running 280 votes ahead of Carmen Armenti who was selected to finish out the term of Arthur Holland when he died in office last year.

No wonder the eyes of America focus on New Jersey elections. They are spirited exercises in the democratic process, spirited and enthusiastic and unpredictable.

Since we have two or three elections every year, New Jersey voters could not stand the tension of dull uninteresting contests for elected offices. Thank God we're spared that agony.

LETTERS

To The Citizens of Plainfield:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your overwhelming support! Your votes resulted in my nomination to City Council from the Second and Third Wards in Plainfield. Your confidence in me has surely made the turbulence easier to bear. Just knowing your support close at hand will make the next several months better.

We are living in a fast-paced city with a multi-cultural and ethnic mix. As such, we have inherited all of the problems that accompany it. There are the problems of crime and drugs, poverty, homelessness and the other problems associated with them.

It's imperative that local leadership recognize and understand the values and attitudes depicted by our various heritages.

I believe I am the candidate who understands these problems best.

As your candidate I urge you to continue your support of me so that we can build a NEW LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW PLAINFIELD. Again, I thank you for your votes and support.

Peggy Ann Wilds

even add, that some new people are also needed. Educators who are afraid to try new and innovative ideas should be replaced. We have a lot of people in the supply of educators who are more concerned about "show" and "pretense" than about making any real substantive changes. Very few administrators are willing to let go of their old style management techniques which have proven to be a failure in most businesses and industries: intimidation and threats, and these two submissions, as opposed to motivating and encouraging their staff and parents to take ownership of their schools and programs.

While more money is needed to help provide for better facilities, programs and resources, it will not offer the ultimate solution. Money placed in the hands of incompetent administrators will only result in more chaos. Some of the state's arguments put forth in the Abbott v. Burke case were correct, as far as the waste and incompetence found in many school districts.

Whoever you have a lot of money which is placed in the hands of some people, you have to make sure that you continually hold them accountable for safeguarding and investing the money wisely. If you don't, the results can easily be predicted: waste, poor results, and failing school systems. Blindly opting for programs without clear plans, goals and objectives is not a proper evaluative tool to measure the effectiveness and success of your programs have to be stopped.

It will be interesting to watch how Governor Florio's funding system plan will fare under a heavy lobbying attack and the impact of the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling in the Abbott v. Burke case. Since his plan is supposedly designed to dis-

tribute state aid more equitably and provide for tax relief from districts faced with municipal overburden, it would appear to work in concert with the ruling of the court.

Sreams and widespread rage are being heard though all around the state in wealthier districts, because they feel that they should not have to be burdened with the problems of the poorer urban districts. Again, while people moan and complain about the crime, drugs, illiteracy and homeless problems, they fail to make a connection between failing educational systems and the increases of these social ills. In addition, the state's declaration that minimum aid was unconstitutional because it goes only to wealthy districts, enabling them to spend more money and creating an even larger disparity between rich and poor districts—while correct—hasn't been received very warmly, and will invariably be at the center of hot negotiations in order to get the governor's funding plan through.

It is important that people become familiar with these issues, because your taxes and school systems will be affected significantly by these rulings and plans for years to come. It is imperative that your elected representatives know that you will be scrutinizing their votes and actions as these issues come before them in the upcoming months.

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B & P Women celebrate 50 years of togetherness

The North Jersey Unit is one of the oldest chapters in the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and held a gala 50th Anniversary dinner dance last Saturday night to flaunt the spirit of togetherness they have enjoyed for half a century.

All B & P Units operate under a mandate of community service and this is what the North Jersey group has rendered to the greater Essex County area in abundance over the years.

Focus has been directed towards health, education, economic development and special community service projects as each president of the group has singled out one of these areas as the hallmark of her administration.

While many of the members have held national offices, two North Jersey members served as national presidents: the late Marie Harrison and Mary E. Singletary. Ms. Ethel M. Johnson of East Orange, is a former national 3rd vice president, the late Marjorie Van Dyke, national Parliamentarian, Dorothea Lee of Newark, District organizer, Janice Thomas, Orange, national Parliamentarian, June Lockett, East Orange, District Cultural Enrichment Chairman and Connie Woodfill, West Orange, National Governmental Affairs chairwoman.

In addition to the senior club, BPW units include a club for young adult women, a youth club for high school students and Organized Women to be an early program of leadership development.

One of the group's primary functions is scholarship fundraising and they have an impressive record of providing four year scholarships to outstanding students in the greater Newark area.

Among the women who have served as North Jersey presidents are Marie Harrison, a former co-executive with the Essex County Urban League, Ethel M. Johnson,

Mary E. Singletary, the late Rowena Warren of Montclair, former Newark businesswoman, Marie Stewart of East Orange, Janet C. White of West Orange, Newarker Dorothea Lee, June Lockett, principal of Newark's George Washington Carter elementary school, Janice Thomas, an administrator at Rutgers University and current president. Newark educator Rose Newkirk Campbell.

Officers currently serving with Campbell include vice presi-

dents Audrey B. Jackson, Evelyn Morrison and Ada Banks. Also Carolyn Greene, Hattie W. Law, Beverly Grissom, Avril Caesar, Vera Johnson, Joan Johnson, Gertrude Edward and Odessa James.

In celebration of the Golden Jubilee, Mayor Sharpe James of Newark presented President Campbell and the 50th anniversary committee chairwoman, Eleanor J. Crutchfield, with City of Newark Medallions, the city's highest citizens awards.

Newark council dedicates street to honor Rev. Frank Rogers

The Newark City Council has honored the Reverend Frank Rogers, retired minister of the First Mount Zion Baptist Church, by designating Thomas Street, where the church stands, between Hermon and Dawson Streets as Reverend Frank P. Rogers Square.

Council President Henry Martinez and Councilman-at-Large Donald Tucker joined family, friends and parishioners in praising the Reverend's dedication to both church and the community. Martinez referred to the

church as "a beacon in the East ward," calling the reverend a "mainstay of the community — one whose faith and love for people is deeply woven into the heart of this community."

Tucker said that Rogers had so much become a part of the city that it has been difficult to become accustomed to his retirement, but that it is "well-earned." Tucker wished him well on his move to Florida and expressed the hope that he would return often to his street and his friends.

Girl Scouts announce summer program for urban youth

The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County will be sponsoring "Summer Scene", a five week program for urban youth, from July 9 through August 10. "Summer Scene" fees will be \$13 for registered Girl Scouts and \$17 for non-registered youth.

Girls between the ages of 5 and 12, and their brothers, will participate in exciting recreational and educational programs featuring Girl Scout badgework, community service projects, trips, fun-days, and camping experiences.

"Summer Scene" sites will

include the Boys and Girls Club of Newark-161 Littleton Avenue; CHARC-205 W. Runyon Street; CHARC II-37 Chadwick Avenue; Felix Fuld Court-80 Jelliff Avenue; Hyatt Court-II Hawkins Court; Lincoln School-87 Richelieu Terrace; Redeemer Lutheran Church-664 Broadway; and Trinity U.A.M.E. Church, Warren and Wiley Streets. All sites except CHARC will operate from 9 AM to 4 PM. CHARC will be open from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Interested youth may register at all sites on July 9 or may call Geneth Hunter at the Girl Scout Main Service Center, 746-8200.

St. Benedict's students publish magazine on 1967 riot

NEWARK—This May for "Project Phase" at St. Benedict's Prep seventeen students and three faculty moderators have published a magazine about the 1967 Newark Riots. The student staff consists of nine sophomores, four juniors, and four eighth graders. The magazine, entitled "Newark InDepth," features investigative reports, personal interviews, and graphic, revealing photographs. While creating this magazine, the students learned different skills using Apple Macintosh computers, 35mm cameras, and tape recorders for interviewing

Newark residents. Most importantly, the group improved their writing and editing skills through numerous drafts of articles and group criticism.

The students chose to report on the riots because of the lack of knowledge among citizens of Newark, especially the youth. They feel that it is necessary to inform the citizens of Newark about the problems that existed in 1967 and that continue to exist today. Article topics such as police brutality, looting, the destruction of Newark are included in the magazine. One student in

the project said, "I really think the magazine would help the people of Newark get a better grip of the riot." Future issues of "Newark InDepth" will contain other topics on Newark, such as pollution, neighborhoods, sports, health care, AIDS, and immigration. If you are interested in ordering the magazine you can contact the "Newark InDepth" staff at St. Benedict's Prep, at 520 Martin Luther King Blvd., Newark, NJ 07102; or call (201) 643-4800. The two-page magazine costs \$2 for individual copies, \$1.50 for 10 to 19 copies and \$1 for 20 or more copies.

Dept. of Higher Ed.'s essay winners

UNION, N.J.—The State Department of Higher Education Pre-College Academic Programs (PCAP) has announced 16 essay contest winners from 11 urban centers.

The contest winners were recognized April 21 during the third annual convention of PCAP at Kean College. More than 800 seventh through 12th grade students attended. PCAP programs are based at 22 colleges and involve 2,600 secondary level students from 11 urban centers.

The winners, their grade levels, schools, college programs and topics are as follows:
Newark: Luis Labrador, 11th grade, Barringer High School, Newark Consortium—New Jersey Institute of Technology, "Doing the Right Thing." Al-Jahiyh Cannon, 11th grade, Arts High School, Newark Consortium—Essex County College, "Doing the Right Thing."

Also, Sharliee Moore, 11th grade, no school given, Newark Consortium—Rutgers University College of Arts and Sciences, "Doing the Right Thing." Gaeleone Jean-Marie, 12th grade,

West Side High School, Seton Hall University—Upward Bound, "Doing the Right Thing."

Jersey City: Vanessa Rosa, seventh grade, Public School 14, Jersey City State College—College Bound, "Doing the Right Thing." Naim Pringle, no grade given, Lincoln High School, St. Peter's College—PCAP, "How Pre-Cap Has Made A Difference in My Life."

Camden: Leander Upperman, ninth grade, Camden High School, Camden County College—PRIME, "My View of the Prime Program." Nicole Parese Skinner, 10th grade, Camden High School, Gloucester State College—CHAMP, "Doing the Right Thing."

Perth Amboy: Brenda Ortega, ninth grade, Perth Amboy High School, Kean College of New Jersey—Adelante, "Doing the Right Thing."

Tony McClary, 11th grade, Abraham Clark High School, Douglass College/Rutgers Chem/Math Prep, "Doing the Right Thing." Hightstown: Terra Winston,

11th grade Hightstown High School, Trenton State College—Collegebound, "In What Ways Will My Participation in the Pre-College Program Help Me in Achieving My Future Goals?" Plainfield: Sherry Tawana Burrus, 12th grade Plainfield High School, Cook College—Rutgers University, "What is Doing the Right Thing?"

East Orange: Isis Walker, eighth grade, East Orange High School, Fairleigh Dickinson University—ELITE, "What Does, Doing the Right Thing, Mean?"

Pasaic: Keisha Smith, 12th grade, Passaic County Technical and Vocational High School, Passaic County College—Career Beginnings, "Doing the Right Thing." Paterson: Khalifah Shabazz, eighth grade, Paterson Public School 26, Passaic County College—Project Awareness, "Doing the Right Thing."

Wallington: Alicia Ziptoo, 11th grade, Wallington High School, University—Science Institute, "What is 'Doing the Right Thing,'"

Historian receives honorary degree

NEW BRUNSWICK—Historian John Hope Franklin, author of the landmark study "From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans," was among eight distinguished recipients of honorary degrees presented by Rutgers at the State University of New Jersey's commencement exercises on May 24.

Franklin is the James B. Duke professor emeritus of history and professor of legal history in the law school at Duke University. A widely published author, he also is an emeritus professor at the University of Chicago.

In addition, Franklin has served as the Pitt Professor of

American History and Institutions at Cambridge University, a consultant on American education in the Soviet Union, a Fulbright professor in Australia, and a lecturer in American history in the People's Republic of China.

"John Hope Franklin is one of this country's foremost historical scholars," said Dr. Clement Price, associate professor of history at Rutgers in Newark. "He has made the history of black Americans an integral part of the larger history of the American people. His books, articles and papers reflect such keen, insightful and judicious scholarship and research that he has elevated the stature of

what is now known as black American history.

"Dr. Franklin was an outstanding mentor for that generation of black historians who emerged after World War II." Price added, "whose work has not only succeeded in rewriting the history of black Americans, but in rewriting the larger history of the United States. His work has truly opened up the story of America to include blacks."

A native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Fisk University, Franklin holds a master's and a doctorate in history from Harvard.



We would like to point out that our charter subscription rate of \$10 will end as of June 30, 1990. Subscriptions beginning July 1, 1990 will be \$25.

CITY HIT

Deborah saves heart

At 9 months old, Nelson Rosario Jr., from Puerto Rico, has already made some friends in New Jersey. Thanks to the efforts of these friends, Nelson came to Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills, NJ, where he underwent open heart surgery last month.

His friends are from the Teamsters local 97 of Newark, and Teamsters Local 522, I.B.T. New York, New Jersey, Lumber, Roofing & Sheet Metal Crafts and Allied Trades, which has supported Deborah for almost 3 decades.

Deborah is a 155-bed specialty teaching hospital that diagnoses and treats adults with heart, lung and vascular diseases and children suffering from congenital and acquired heart conditions.

Nelson's aunt, Maria Perez, from Rockaway, NJ, works for Local 97. When she told her boss Nelson had a heart condition and she was going to visit him, he suggested that Nelson might be able to come to Deborah for

surgery.

While Nelson slept peacefully in a crib in Deborah's Children's Mother recently, Irma Rosario, his mother, explained how the physician in Puerto Rico heard a murmur in Nelson's heart shortly after he was born.

An echocardiogram revealed a hole between his heart's bottom two chambers. The technical name for Nelson's condition is called Tetralogy of Fallot, which includes four complications.

At six months, another echocardiogram showed that the hole in Nelson's heart had not reduced in size. The physician said Nelson needed surgery but that it could wait until Nelson was 3 or 4 years old.

That's when Maria's boss called Local 522 to make arrangements to bring Nelson to Deborah.

"My sister said 'Close your eyes and come over,' Irma said. 'If he needed surgery, why should we wait?'"



Irma credits her strong faith in God and confidence in Deborah's physicians for coming all the way from New Jersey from Puerto Rico.

"I was kind of nervous, but I have a big faith in God," Irma said. "And the Doctors gave Nelson a 95 percent chance of surviving the surgery."

Lynn B. McGrath, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Deborah, successfully performed surgery on Nelson. She said she is satisfied with the way Deborah's staff has cared for Nelson and herself.

The nurses have spoiled him," Irma said jokingly. During Nelson's stay at the hospital, Irma

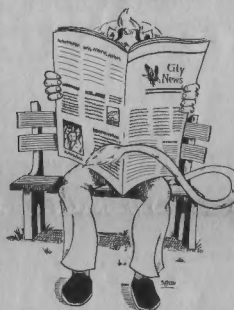
stayed at the Augusta Gollin Mothers' Cottage, adjacent to the hospital.

"I thought I would be uncomfortable there, but it wasn't that way," Irma said. "You've got everything you need there."

Neither Irma or her family will receive a bill for the treatment and care Nelson has received. This is in keeping with a 68-year tradition at Deborah.

For more information about Deborah, contact the National Headquarters of Deborah Hospital Foundation, 212 Trenton Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015, (609) 893-9223.

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NHA plans to select law firm in land dispute

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Authority near the New Jersey Turnpike on the east and a rail line on the south near Hyatt and Wilson Avenues, approximately two and one-half miles from downtown Newark.

ILUR has filed a lawsuit seeking the original designation of the 44.92-acres as stipulated in a resolution approved by the NHA Board of Commissioners at a special board meeting in June 1986. The board subsequently adopted a resolution regarding the assignment for redevelopment to ILUR, Inc. at a regular board meeting on December 17, 1987. The rescission was effective December 30, 1987.

The plaintiff, ILUR, is also seeking compensatory and punitive damages. The NHA is planning to apply to the Superior Court, Chancery Division, to restore the case and to submit discovery.

At a special Board of Commissioners meeting held at NHA headquarters on Wednesday, June 6, 1990, NHA Executive Director Daniel W. Blue, Jr. recommended to the board to reject the settlement for the conveyance of 12-acres of land to ILUR. Upon review, the board rejected the proposition to convey the 12-acres of land to ILUR.

Dr. Blue stated that his "recommendation to the Board to deny the settlement request for the conveyance of the 12-acres of land to ILUR was based on the failure to adhere to procedures and questionable past practices in the awarding of public land."

"The NHA is interested in effectuating a timely and judicious resolution for all involved parties," said Dr. Blue. "Because the case will require an extraordinary amount of research and investigation," added Dr. Blue, "the NHA plans to employ the services of an outside law firm that has the resources needed to effect a reasonable settlement of the dispute."

According to official NHA documents, the resolution adopted by the board in June 1986 autho-

rized ILUR as the developer of the 44.92-acre tract of land. The resolution also authorized a preliminary contract for a term not to exceed 18 months, which expired in December 1987. Under the terms of the resolution, ILUR was to purchase the land for the construction of a 400,000 square-foot industrial building, development of an industrial park and a container repair and leasing facility.

The complaint alleges that the developer had communications with the NHA for the conveyance of 12-acres; however, the NHA cannot substantiate any formal agreements being made.

NHA Commissioner Zinnerford Smith said, "The NHA's position is that individuals and committees appointed to serve at the NHA function in an oversight capacity and have no authorizing powers to set policy or to bind the Authority to contractual issues." Smith, who serves as chairman of the seven-member board, also pointed out that "neither individuals nor committees have the authorization to commit the resources of the NHA."

Through December 1988 to June 13, 1989, NHA records indicate that a series of negotiations occurred between the developer's attorney and former NHA staff regarding the conveyance of 12-acres of land.

However, ILUR was never designated as the developer of the 12-acres of land since the NHA's contracting procedures were never satisfied, nor was a resolution submitted to the board by staff or approved by the Board of Commissioners.

"My administration inherited a situation that would not have existed under the current contracting procedures instituted as of January 1, 1989," Dr. Blue added. "We presently have a centralized Contracts Division in place utilizing procedures that are designed to insure the awarding of contracts is based on compliance and adherence to prescribed NHA procedures as well as to state laws and federal regulations."

Dieters beware of 3-day diet

NORTH BRUNSWICK—Dieters beware! A false "3-Day Diet" attributed to the American Heart Association is circulating throughout New Jersey. The diet, called "3-Day Diet by the Heart Association" advocates eating hot dogs, saltine crackers and vanilla ice cream—foods high in cholesterol, salt and fat—which does not maintain cardiovascular health. This diet was not published by the AHA and contains foods not recommended for daily consumption in AHA nutrition guidelines.

The American Heart Association never endorses fast, crash or short-term diets proposed to produce dramatic weight loss results quickly. Instead, the AHA only recommends wholesome lifestyle nutrition programs designed to reduce the risk of heart attack by following a moderate, fat-controlled, low cholesterol meal plans.

Fad diets usually emphasize one particular food or type of food. They violate the first principle of good nutrition—to eat

balanced diet that includes a variety of foods. Fad diets may cause nutritional deficiencies if pursued for more than a few weeks, because no one type of food contains all the nutrients needed for good health. Fad diets also fail to provide ways to keep off excess weight.

To promote a nutritionally sound lifestyle for healthy Americans, the AHA developed "THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION DIET: An Eating Plan for Healthy Americans." This plan outlines a wholesome eating style for a healthy, active life, while reducing the amount of cholesterol in the blood to the level safest for the heart.

Most importantly, the AHA stresses that everyone should always check with a doctor before starting any new weight reduction program.

To receive a free copy of the American Heart Association Diet, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to the American Heart Association, 250 Rte. 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

A Happy Birthday, Healthy Baby Party!

Plainfield Health Center will host its second annual "A Happy Birthday Healthy Baby Party!" for expectant parents, pregnant women, women of childbearing age, and children on Saturday, June 16, 1990 from 2 to 5 p.m. The event will be held at the First Unitarian Society Parish Hall located at 724 Park Avenue, Plainfield (at the corner of 7th and Park Avenue).

"A Happy Birthday, Healthy Baby Party!" intends to give community people information on ways to have a healthy pregnancy and serve as community resources for women and infants. Guest speakers include Marisa Curcio from the State Health Department, whose topic is "Total Abortion Syndrome and Pregnancy" and Beverly Lantz, whose topic is "Relaxation Techniques before, during and after pregnancy." A special film, "It's Up To Me" about prenatal care will be shown.

Admission is free and there will be free baby-sitting while participants attend the seminar. There will be door prizes, gift bags, refreshments, tea shirts and toys.

"A Happy Birthday, Healthy Baby Party!" is sponsored by the March of Dimes in association with First Unitarian Society; Neighborhood House Association; Plainfield Division of Youth and Family Services; Plainfield Health Center; Plainfield Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition; Plainfield Health Center; Urban Women's Center; Plainfield WIC Program; Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey; School-based Youth Services Program of Plainfield High School; Tri-County Visiting Nurses Association; Union County Division of Social Services and United Family and Children's Society.

For more information, contact Linda Moore at 753-6401.

Hype-Izm wins prize in filmmakers' festival

"Hype-Izm," a rap music video by Timothy Stuckey, a Jersey City State College alumnus, recently won third prize in the college category of the 16th annual New Jersey Young Film and Videomakers' Festival competition.

A Jersey City resident, Stuckey graduated from Jersey City State College and received the college's Celeste Holme Award for excellence in film production scholarship in 1989. His rap music video, shot on film, contains a pro-music, anti-violence theme.

The New Jersey Young Film and Videomakers' Festival is an annual competition that accepts original film and video entries from New Jersey residents who are under age 25. The entries are

judged for concept, subject, content, and in the context of the artist's intention in college, high school, and elementary school categories; execution and production quality are important considerations in the college category.

The prize-winning works include live action narratives, animations, and experimental videos with themes that range from comedy and fantasy to social commentary and human drama. Among this year's jurors was Jane Sieverswald, chair of the JCSC Department of Media Arts.

The awards were presented by Michael Usan, executive producer of "Batman," at the Festival Awards Ceremony held at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Newark Hospital

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ties to the Centers For Disease Control through March 1990. It ranks 4th nationwide in per capita AIDS cases.

"Newark has been hard hit by the AIDS crisis," Laumborg said. "Federal funding is needed to help avoid an impending disaster in the health care system."

The \$600 million AIDS assistance bill that has passed the Senate would authorize \$300 million in emergency federal aid to the metro areas hardest hit by the

AIDS epidemic. Of the \$300 million, \$150 million would be distributed by formula; Newark would be entitled to \$7.2 million. The other \$150 million would be distributed competitively to Newark and the other areas. Another \$300 million would be authorized to be distributed to states to help combat the epidemic. New Jersey would receive \$20.6 million. Once the legislation is enacted, Congress must still appropriate the funds authorized.

CITY LIFE

City Goes Western



Four-year-old Desmar Lowery and his 3-year-old sister Scheney Lowery take some time out to pose with the Ebony Horse Women from Hartford, Conn.

Photo by Ray Bailey



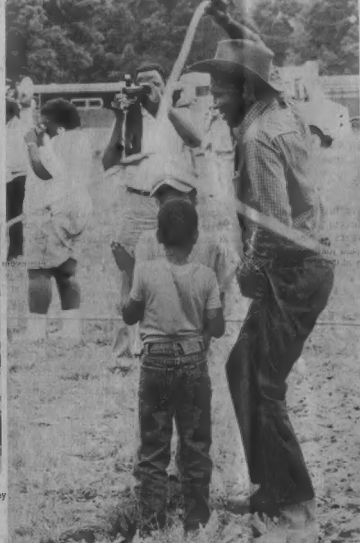
Anikwa Hines, 10-year-old cowgirl, watches rodeo performers do their thing.

Photo by Ray Bailey



Mr. & Mrs. Burton of Montclair with their grandson, Derin, enjoy the rodeo.

Photo by Ray Bailey



Ed Dillard shows his rope skills with help from youthful cowpokes.

Photo by Ray Bailey



The term "user-friendly" does not apply when it comes to horse breaking as this daring rider can verify.

Photo by Ray Bailey



Chow time for the real workers. Feeding the horses can be fun!

Photo by Ray Bailey

BILLBOARD

June 13-17

WAYNE—"Extremities," a gripping drama about rape and revenge, will be staged in the Hunziker Theatre on the William Paterson College campus. For further information call 201-595-2371.

Sunday, June 17, 1990

NEWARK—The National Sarcoidosis Family Aid & Research Foundation will present a fashion show and luncheon honoring Robert Wells at the Quality Inn. For further information call 201-622-1000.

June 29 - July 4

BROOKLYN—Singers, dancers, comedians, rappers, actors, poets, marching bands, jazz, gospel, and reggae musicians between 12 and 21 are invited to compete in the USA's largest street festival, the African Street Festival. Auditions will be held at Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Arts and Culture Center, 1308 Fulton Street Near Marcy Avenue in Brooklyn. The final competition will take place at the 19th Annual African Street Festival, at Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY, from June 29 to July 4.

Thursday, July 5

NEWARK—Leo Johnson, Newark Saxophonist and group will perform at the Thursday Night Jazz Concerts in the Terrace Room at Newark Symphony Hall from 5-9 p.m. No admission and a complimentary buffet will be offered to augment the cash bar.

July 13-15

WAYNE—"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," a happy-go-lucky view of small-town vice and statewide corruption, will be staged in the Hunziker Theatre on the William Paterson College campus. For further information call 201-595-2371.

August 1-5

WAYNE—"A Lesson from Aloes," focused on the impact apartheid has on the individual in South Africa, will be staged in the Hunziker Theatre on the William Paterson College campus. For further information call 201-595-2371.

Thursday, August 2

NEWARK—Boogie Latin Jazz Salsa All Stars will perform at the Thursday Night Jazz Concerts in the Terrace Room at Newark Symphony Hall from 5-9 p.m. No admission and a complimentary buffet will be offered to augment the cash bar.

Crossroads' 1990-91 season to mark debut of Denise Nicholas a playwright

NEW BRUNSWICK - A historic fantasy by actress Denise Nicholas, a contemporary drama by playwright/screenwriter Richard Wesley, and the world premiere of the Sangoma women's Company project are among the 1990-91 productions that will herald the end of an era for Crossroads Theatre Company in the century-old building it has called home since 1978.

As the company awaits completion of its new theater in downtown New Brunswick (slated for mid-1991), it will mark its final season on Memorial Parkway with an ambitious schedule featuring some of the most dynamic artists and innovative concepts in contemporary African American theater.

The season also will include Crossroads' traditional holiday musical and its second annual new play festival, "Genesis 1991," which provides theatergoers with an opportunity to meet and speak with the rising stars of the modern theater movement.

Rick Khan, Crossroads' co-founder and producing artistic director, says the new season reflects Crossroads' preparation for its impending transition by featuring plays dealing with introspection and personal growth.

"Most of the 1989-90 season, with plays like 'Sheila's Day,' 'Spunk' and 'Black Eagles,' was about discovering our world," Khan said. "Most of next season's works bring us back to discovering the self in relationship to that world."

The season will open Sept. 6 with Wesley's introspective drama, "The Talented Tenth," which follows a group of Howard University graduates as they search for meaning in their successful lives. Wesley also is the author of the play, "The Mighty Gents" and the films, "Uptown Saturday Night" and "Let's Do It Again."

"Distant Fires," by Kevin Heelan, opening Oct. 25, focuses on the dreams and disappointments of an integrated crew of construction laborers. Set against the backdrop of a race riot miles away, the play explores the effects of distant events on every-

day lives.

Following the holiday musical, which will be announced at a later date, actress Denise Nicholas will make her playwrighting debut with "Buses," on February 7. The play received a staged reading during the "Genesis 1990" festival.

"Buses" brings 20th-century civil rights activist Rosa Parks and 19th-century black entrepreneur Mary Ellen Pleasant together at an imaginary bus stop to tell their stories as they, not the historians, see them. This poignant, humorous drama coincides with Crossroads' celebration of Black History Month.

Nicholas, who starred in Crossroads' 1988 production, "To Clean It Around, To Show My Shine," is best known for her work on television's "Room 222" and, more recently, "In the Heat of the Night." A veteran of the Negro Ensemble Company, she also began playwrighting in recent years and is now part of Crossroads' Associate Artists program.

As they did with the first "Genesis" festival, Crossroads' audiences again will have the op-

portunity for a "sneak preview" of future productions during "Genesis 1991." The two-week event, opening March 20, will feature staged readings of new plays by the most promising artists in African American theater. It is funded in part by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The final production of 1990-91 will be the world premiere on April 18 of the Sangoma women's Company work, tentatively entitled "The Mother Project." The production fuses music, dance, drama and video to tell the story of ancient heroines, mysticism and contemporary survival by black women. It features 13 women, all members of the Sangoma Women's Company.

The piece was conceived by Crossroads' Literary Manager Sydney Mahone and developed collaboratively by the Sangoma Women's Company. Mahone founded the company last year to provide a forum for women in African American theater.

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PT's clubhouse

Circus comes to town

Allan C. Hill's Great American Circus will be arriving with its entourage of magnificent entertainers and animals on Sunday, June 24, and Monday, June 25, 1990. Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday and 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday. The circus will travel over 30,000 miles on its zigzag course through 18 states. Some of the features include dancing animal acts, wild and exotic animals and the whimsical wackiness of the clowns.

The huge canvas big top covers approximately 22,500 square feet, which measures about a half an acre. There are 300,000 linear feet of canvas, and the rope used to hold it all together measures five miles in length. The "Raising of the Tent" occurs around 8:30 a.m. and is a spectacle which usually draws a sizeable crowd. The elephants are used to help put up and take down the Big Top.

Don't miss the Great American Circus when it rolls into Plainfield and sets up this small city to perform for kids of all ages.

College for kids offers "Sciensational Workshops"

CRANFORD—Three special workshops focusing on scientific areas of interest to children of selected age groups are open for enrollment this summer through Union County College's Department of Continuing Education.

The courses, which are a part of the "College for Kids" offerings, are labeled "Sciensational Workshops" because they are designed to offer a fun time while developing an interest in scientific studies by using everyday materials. All workshops will be held on the College's Cranford Campus.

A fourth workshop, "Chemical Magic, Magical Microscope, Rocks and Minerals, Computer Workshops" is filled to capacity.

"Rockery-Computers-Electronics-Out-Into-Space Workshop" is offered for children ages seven through 12. They will build and launch their own model rockets, learn to understand solar

systems and black holes, work with TRS-80 microcomputers, and learn to write computer programs using BASIC language. Other activities include working with a color graphic printer, building an automatic siren, burglar alarm, robot blinker, or stop-action timer tester.

Neil Schulman, the instructor, is popularly known as the "chemical magician" and has a staff of 20 science teachers who run programs throughout the U.S.

Children will be grouped according to their level of experience in these areas. On the final day of class, a launching of all rockets will be conducted.

The workshop will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, June 25 through 29.

"Dinosaurs-Flying Reptiles-Prehistoric Animals Workshops: A Trip Into the Past" will be offered for youngsters ages five through seven. They will use

stencils to make posters and learn the names of dinosaurs, use rubber stamps to make a dinosaur logo game, learn about the clues fossils give us about creatures who lived millions of years ago. Other activities include making individual fossil prints, using casting plaster, using toothpicks to form a dinosaur skeleton, creating a diorama showing dinosaurs in their natural environments.

Children also will make an Apatosaurus booklet, help solve a paleontologist's problem, watch scientists and/or videos that teach about fossils, scientists, and dinosaurs that lived during various pre-historic eras. They will build dinosaur replicas, help build a six-foot tall Tyrannosaurus Rex. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 2, 3, 5, and 6. No class will be held on Independence Day, July 4.

"Electronic Gadgets-Electronic Laboratory Workshop" is offered to youngsters ages eight through 13. They will work on 30 different projects and experiments that are built with individual electronics kits using a science electronics laboratory. Children, who will be grouped according to age, will study the operation of a solderless circuit

board, resistors, capacitors, light emitting diodes, transistors, battery snap, Diode, speaker, timer, photocell, rectifier, potentiometer, and switch.

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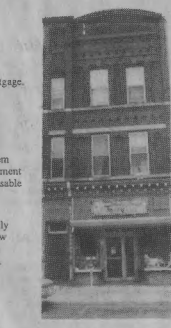
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Taking up for Darryl Strawberry

Darryl Strawberry of the Mets was named National League Player of the Week. Strawberry batted .417 (10-24) with four homers, nine runs batted in and seven runs scored.

Take that, critics! No, one week does not a season make and, yes, Darryl has been slumping. But talk about kicking a man when he's down — does anyone in baseball get kicked, talked about and viciously maligned as much as the Mets' Darryl Strawberry? Reggie Jackson was when he played with the Yankees. Now he's in the Hall of Fame. The Yankees haven't been right since he left. You hope the Mets can be foolish enough to make the same mistake with Darryl.

Love him or hate him, Darryl is one of the most feared, talented, and exciting baseball players in the game today. Period.

Have you ever sat around at a picnic, in the office, or at the gym and talked about how Strawberry gets criticized — "dogged" is another word you can use and misused by many fans and media? Have you ever felt the need to come to the Mets's defense?

I have. And I know thousands of New Yorkers, especially from urban areas like ours who really can identify with and understand this former inner city superstar from L.A., feel obligated to defend Darryl against all of the negative, demeaning and stupid things said and written about his personal life and his baseball ability.

Defending Darryl is almost like taking up for your brother. You've done some questionable things. He's had problems in his life and has messed up a bit. Just like everybody else. But he's still my brother.

If you've read some of the statements "people" have made "for the good of the association" served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the launching which took place on Sunday at the Crystal Ballroom, Quality Inn located at 50 Park Place.

James Felton, the developer of a very popular low income housing in Newark called "Victory Garden", told the audience that his company is working in collaboration with the city. Sharpe James to rehabilitate and construct housing for low income people in the city. "We shall not relax our effort and commitment until all Newark residents have decent roofs over their heads. However, neither one person nor the government can do it alone. We need a cooperative effort by all concerned individuals, private institutions, including the federal government to address the problem of homelessness. We thank Effiong Onuwa for the insight to bring all of us together to help those who are less fortunate."

Luis Quintana praised Onuwa for launching the drive to aid homeless families. Quintana told the audience "misfortune is color blind. Those who are homeless include people from all ethnic and racial groups. The solution to homelessness lies in all people working together. The Association for Urban Initiatives, Inc. symbolizes that togetherness."

Mark Parrott thanked the founder and members of the Board of Trustees of the association for providing financial support to their agency as well as launching the food, clothing and furniture drive to aid the shelter. "Homeless people need basic things such as food, clothes, shoes and brotherly love. At the highest Community Service, they get these and more. We not only feed and clothe them, we look for employment opportunities and permanent housing for them. When you support a caring organization such as Association for Advancement of Urban Initiatives, Inc. you are supporting a

A VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

by Fern Taylor
City News Writer

about Strawberry, you wonder if the criticism is purely baseball in nature or whether some have a personal vendetta against the man.

He's just a black Dave Kingman, a 200 hitter who hits home runs, they say. He strikes out too much. He can't hit left-handers. He's too arrogant. He doesn't hustle. He doesn't want to win. Who does he think he is, saying he won't be back next year? After all the Mets have done for him?

Just to jar your memory, this is the same man that was the best player in the league in 1988, with 39 homers and 104 runs batted in. That's the year he was robbed in the MVP voting, when they gave it to the Dodgers Kirk Gibson (24 home runs, 76 RBI, 296).

You want stats? Darryl's career averages for six years: 31 home runs, 91 RBI, 266 average, 328 stolen bases. Compare that to Don Mattingly over six years: 19 home runs, 82 RBI, 1 stolen base, 328 average. Better yet, Strawberry's stats also match up well against immortals like Mickey Mantle (29 home runs, 96 RBI, 308 average, 72 stolen bases) and Willie Mays (31 home runs, 87 RBI, 311, 20 stolen bases) over their first six years.

Mattingly's getting about \$4 million a year. What do you think Strawberry is worth?

How quickly we forget what type of ballplayer Mr. Strawberry really is. I can take up for him any day.

Drive to aid homeless shelters

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worthwhile support group in the community", Parrott said.

Onuwa, the founder of the Organization, thanked Felton, Parrott, Parson and the audience for their charitable activities, and also thanked Mayor Sharpe James for donating the building at 487 Washington St., Newark to feed and house the homeless. "As effective as the local government has been in addressing the problem of homelessness in the city, the government can not do it alone given the scarcity of financial resources at all levels of government. All conscientious individuals and private corporations should invest their time and resources in helping those who are less fortunate. The quickest way to personal success lies in helping those who are less fortunate. When you help an homeless person or a disadvantaged person, you are actually helping yourself. Do not discount your social efficacy. Your slightest efforts in helping a needy person counts. You can make a difference."

The association has received commitments from several corporations and individuals for food, clothing and furniture for distribution to the homeless shelters.

Information about donating money, food, furniture and clothing may be obtained by writing to the Association for Advancement of Urban Initiatives, P.O. Box 25132, Newark, New Jersey.

Weatherford doubles, Tucker and Harp sweep hurdles, Perez and Trotter Score

by Monty Dickerson

Three Newark High Schools produced Five State Champions at Wednesday's N.J. Meet of Champions. Science High School had a banner day as Tiffany Weatherford captured the 200 in 24.27 seconds and the 400 in 54.33. Coach Ken Duke decided not to triple Tiffany and run her in the 100 since its final was just before the 400. Coach Duke later defended his decision stating "Tiff would not have had time to recover after the 100 and she was pushed to the limit in the 2 (200) by Trotter." Tiffany's teammates also ran extremely well as Almisia Tucker won the high hurdle outdoor crown (to go along with her 55m indoor title) in 14.72 and (a peaking at the right time) Natwon Harp captured the 400 Hurdle race in a state leading 62.99.

Wesquahic H.S. had a female athlete win the 100 for the second time in three years (Roxanne Francis won in 1988) as Regina Trotter left the field behind running a very fast 11.55. Regina also placed second in the 200 (24.33) as she hooked up with Weatherford in one of the meets most exciting races. These two young ladies should see a lot of each other next year. Coaches Sweeney, Carter, and Clark were very pleased with Regina's progress.

Ernesto Perez, West Side High's reigning 800 meter Indoor National Champion won his specialty in a well planned 1:50.65. Coach Stoney had been charting Perez's training and races very carefully for peak performances at seasons end. It seems to be working perfectly. Perez set the early pace and was followed over the line by his constant rival Trenton's Robert Ayres. Eric Taylor Perry won the high jump in a meet record 72 leap. He also

re injured his heel.

Ernesto Perez of Newark West Side placed second in the 800 at the Golden West Meet in Sacramento, Cal. He ran a 1:50.4 less than 24 hours after his high school prom. Eric Taylor Perry of Montclair placed fourth in the high jump clearing 70. The first four finishers all went out at 71. Eric placed fourth by virtue of

more misses. Coach Ray Spivey attributes Eric's nagging heel injury as the reason his star didn't go higher. "I'll have to take him to a specialist (doctor) tomorrow (Monday) and I hope he'll be okay for Saturday's International Meet." He was speaking about the Keobler Meet that will be held Saturday June 16th in Chicago, Illinois. Eric and Ernesto are both slated to compete in this most prestigious prep meet, we wish them well.

Crossroads 1990-91 season

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"Genesis 1991," next season's productions will be in previews for nine days before their regular runs begin. (Dates provided including the preview periods.) Following selected previews and throughout the "Genesis" festival, there will be post-show discussions with playwrights, actors and directors.

Funding at Crossroads is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Subscriptions for the 1990-91 season are now on sale through the Audience Development Department. Season subscription

prices range from \$75 to \$120 for preview performances and \$85 to \$180 for the regular run, depending on the day selected. Tickets to the "Genesis 1991" festival are free to subscribers.

This year, Crossroads has begun offering a "21-65" program. Anyone under 21 or over 65 in age pays \$65 for a subscription to performances other than Saturday evenings.

For more information on subscribing to Crossroads' 1990-91 season, contact Gary Johnson, audience development director, at (201) 249-5581.

100 Black Men sponsor scholarships

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Monies awarded to recipients of the Manie Truesdale Scholarship are used to defray the ever escalating costs of higher education such as tuition, books and lodging.

The 1990 awardees are: Kyle Johnson, Teaneck High School; Wesley Gadsen, Academy High, Jersey City; Karim Shabazz, Trenton Central High; Martin Smith, Montclair High School; Michael Johnson, West Side High, Newark; Kenneth Rivers, Snyder High, Jersey City; Joseph E. Woods, Montclair High School; Glenn Martin, Camden High School; Hakim Karuma Abdullah, Atlantic City High; Carl George McDonald, Jr., Orange High School.

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